Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to see that he is replaced, if the complaints are found to be true?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—We will make enquiries and do the needful.

Heads of Departments from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks.

496. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the number of heads of departments from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks and their names; and

(b) the number and names of officers from Talappalli and Chittur Taluks drawing more than Rs. 300 per mensem?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 1. Mr. U. Suppukutty Menon.

2. Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.

(b) 2. Vide answer above.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the total number of heads of departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Twenty-six.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the fact that there are only two from these two taluks, will the Government be pleased to consider the question, when making appointments in future, of the claims of those who are living in these two taluks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That cannot be done simply because he resides in a particular locality.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How will the Government remedy the non-representation of these taluks in the matter of appointments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A taluk cannot have a grievance of this kind.

Shifting of the Museum to Ramavarmapuram.

497. Mr. C A. Ouseph.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the area of the site where the Government Museum at Trichur is now located;

(b) the area of the site where the Office of the Registrar of Panchayats was being held at Trichur;

(c) the cost incurred by the Government in acquiring the site in (b) and the amount afterwards spent over it by the Government;

(d) whether the site in (b) was acquired or otherwise obtained by the Government for extending the Museum compound;

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(e) whether the idea of extending the Museum compound has been abandoned by the Government; if so, on what date;

(f) whether the Government has passed orders to the effect or proposed that the Museum may be shifted to Anapara alias Ramavarmapuram;

(g) whether before making the proposal or passing the order in (f) the views of any departmental head or of the Trichur Municipality have been ascertained; if so, what are the views expressed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 7 acres 73 cents.

(b) 2 acres 49 1/2 cents.

(c) Cost of acquisition Rs. 24,529—11—6.

Cost of constructing compound wall	1,339—0—0.
Repairs to building	651— 0—0.
Total	26,519—11—6.

(d) It was acquired for extending the Museum compound.

(e), (f) and (g). These questions have not come up for consideration yet.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know under what head in the budget these expenses have been debited?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This was budgetted long ago. It might have been under "Industries' or 'Public Works Department'.

Mr. C. A Ouseph.—I want to know whether it comes under 'Museum'.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it might have been under 'Industries'.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I suppose the expenses for the compound wall has also gone into the Museum expenses?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is under the Public Works Department.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I suppose the compound wall was constructed three years ago?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I suppose I am right in thinking that the Government had no idea at that time to transfer this site?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I right in thinking that three years ago Government had the idea of extending the Museum compound?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no definite idea.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not this site acquired for the definite purpose of extending the Museum compound?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was the intention of the acquisition.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not this intervening wall which divided this wall and the Museum compound demolished?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not by this new compound wall this site taken in into the Museum compound, as a part of it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Both are Government compounds and I do not know whether there is any specific taking in.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I right in thinking that when they demolished the wall and put up a new compound wall this site formed part of the Museum compound?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not intentionally demolished, it was very old and it fell down and they set up another wall.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is the Secretary quite sure about these facts, because there are others who contradict them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is a correct information.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Does the Government know the length of the wall that is alleged to have fallen down?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is there any record to show that the Government had at any time changed their idea of extending this Museum compound?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no definite idea of extending the Museum compound till now.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not this acquisition to extend the Museum compound?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was acquired thinking that one day it will be extended.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Answer to (d). Has there been any change in the view of the Government regarding that matter since the purchase of that plot?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There has been no definite proposal to extend the Museum till now, and therefore I cannot say that the idea was abandoned.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was there any suggestion to transfer the Museum to Ramavarmapuram or any other place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Do not the Government think that extension of the Museum will be necessary in course of time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will it be advisable now to part away with Government lands situated near the Museum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I suppose this extra portion is not presently required for Museum purposes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are there sites available near the present Museum, if they want extension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will this not be useful for extending.....?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained that long ago.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government considered the proposal of transferring the Museum to the capital of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no proposal.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that the public are against the transfer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no proposal to transfer.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was there a recommendation from the Curator that the site may be acquired to extend the Museum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is quite likely there was a report. I do not remember.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government considered this question in assigning this plot—the question of the extension of the Museum?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no pressing necessity to extend it.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have they considered the future possibility of its extension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If one day it becomes necessary, Government will have to find out some other way.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government any idea now of how they are going to extend it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not.

Assignment of Government sites in Trichur to Private persons.

498. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether orders have been passed by Government to assign or transfer or hand over to private persons any site now owned by the Government at Trichur;

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